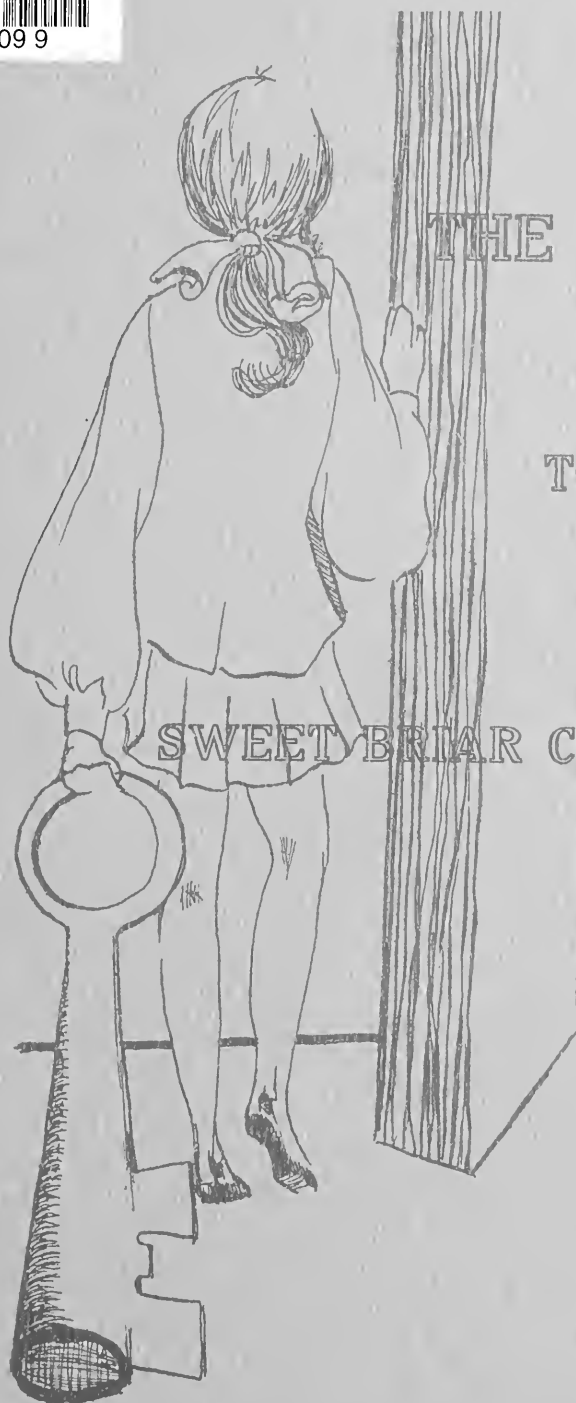


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PREFACE

There is no way for us to describe the year you are about to experience. It will be one filled with many mixed emotions, sad and happy moments, failures and successes. You will be presented with countless opportunities, and choices you make will be yours. You may not always make the right decision, but the freedom to mold your own life is the essence of independence and part of the big step you are about to take.

As soon as you arrive you will learn about our Honor System which places honor and mutual trust as the basis for community living. Each student is required to govern herself according to the standards set forth under this system. In return she is granted responsibilities and privileges.

You will be meeting many different kinds of people and with them sharing in the traditions and the Sweet Briar way of life. You will learn that community living requires a certain amount of give and take on every side. Respect and tolerance for those whose ideas conflict with yours is the very thing that will increase your range of knowledge beyond academics. Everyone you meet will teach you something and in some way make your education at Sweet Briar more complete.

We feel THE KEY may help to familiarize you with the more personal aspects of Sweet Briar life, one step beyond the catalog . . .

Fran Griffith
Ann Compton
Katie Harris
Class of 1970

Spring, 1970



" . . . Pleased to Meet You!"

The moment that you arrive on Sweet Briar's campus your "Big Sister" will be there to meet you. Dressed in white, your Big Sister is a member of the Orientation Committee composed of Sophomores. Each Sophomore has two or three "Little Sisters" whom she will have contacted during the summer.



During the first week, which precedes classes, a varied program is planned to acquaint you with Sweet Briar. A schedule for the events of the week is given to you when you arrive. Administrative officers of the college and heads of student organizations will explain the academic program, the Honor System, and the Student Government Association. The Assistant Dean will serve as counselor for your class during its first year. She will advise you on any problems or questions you may have concerning the academic aspects of college life. Tours of the campus are given during this week and many informal events are planned, such as small coffee parties in faculty homes. A reception is given for the new students by the President.

On the social side, a freshman mixer is arranged for your first weekend on campus which everyone attends en masse. It is planned to help you meet men mostly from the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, and Hampden-Sydney.

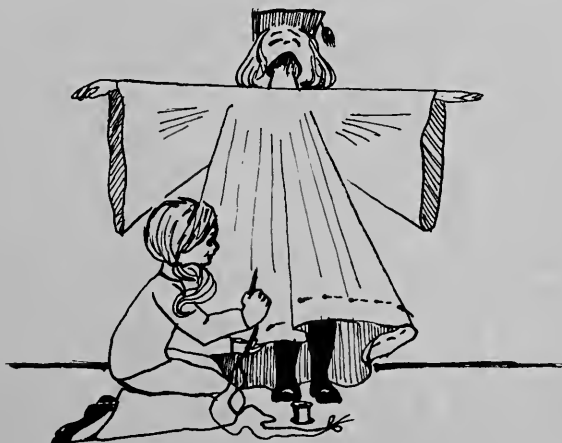
Further orientation is carried on during the year. Your Big Sister will be available to advise you on personal matters or in your academic concerns. Other informal gatherings are held at various times to give you chances to meet your sister class, the Juniors, as well as other upperclassmen and faculty.

UNMISTAKABLY SWEET BRIAR

Every Freshman will soon discover that Sweet Briar has established ceremonies and traditions that are very much a part of it. Some are sentimental; others are light-hearted; all are meaningful.

Early in the year when one night you might see and hear a group of girls singing and marching down the halls of your dorm, don't be alarmed—this is TAPPING, the traditional way that some of the clubs choose new members. The Aints and Asses, Bum Chums, Paint and Patches, Chung Mungs and Sweet Tones tap the doors of the newly chosen members. Many of the other clubs and organizations are elected or selected from the student body and many are open simply on the basis of interest.

FOUNDERS' DAY is celebrated in October with a morning program in Babcock Auditorium and a brief ceremony on Monument Hill. All morning classes are cancelled. The Seniors wear their black academic robes for the first time (hemmed by members of your class). Ignoring the fact that every Senior can easily be identified by her poised and knowledgeable look, robes will help you in identifying the most illustrious of upperclassmen.



PARENTS' DAY is your family's chance to get to know your roommate, your professors, meet your college friends and to see the campus with you as their guide. Parents' Day is usually held the last Saturday in October, but be sure to make motel reservations early if your parents are planning to come.

Somehow in addition to their myriad activities, the Seniors manage to produce, to direct, and to star in the SENIOR SHOW, worthy of Broadway or off-Broadway, perhaps. It is always full of songs and hilarity.

The Christmas season begins early on campus. The Junior class sponsors the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and the most popular stores in the area are invited to participate, bringing a variety of student-suggested Christmas gifts. There are many booths, one of which is sponsored by your class. The proceeds go to the Student Development Fund.

Once every four years, the Faculty takes time from scholarly pursuits to create their own version of the world of the theater — THE FACULTY SHOW. It is amazing to discover that our professors have such a humorous insight into our particular habits. The next Faculty Show will be in 1974.

As we move around the calendar, STEP SINGING marks off fall, Christmas, and spring. It is a traditional gathering of all four classes in front of the Refectory. Underclassmen sing to the other classes. This is an occasion when the Seniors proudly occupy their coveted Senior stairs, which they alone may use.

At JUNIOR BANQUET, toasts and high spirits prevail to celebrate the arrival of the Juniors at the Senior stairs. Class rings are presented at the Banquet and the Juniors return to challenge the Seniors for their stairs and status.

SPRING WEEKEND, late in April or early May, is a perfect opportunity for you to be a hostess instead of a guest. Activities may vary, but usually include a concert, combo parties, and a picnic.



Soon it will be May and spring will have sprung and you will find yourself wondering where this first year went. This is a time of year when you will be finding your own favorite ways of enjoying spring at SBC from picnics to sun-bathing and of course, studying for those exams.



But before exams, two more traditional events take place. AMHERST COUNTY DAY is held on a Saturday in the spring and has much of the flavor of an old-fashioned fair with contests and exhibits, games and homemade food. A jousting tournament is a highlight of the day, and Sweet Briar girls take on the job of hostesses to all county residents.

LANTERN BEARING is perhaps the loveliest tradition at Sweet Briar and is the last event before graduation. Each Senior chooses as her lantern bearer an underclassman who makes an original lantern for her. The Seniors wear their robes and the underclassmen are dressed in white for an outdoor candlelight procession. The lanterns usually represent something symbolic or meaningful for the Senior. It is a very special ceremony and makes many freshmen aware that their first hectic, fun-filled year as a Sweet Briar girl is too quickly coming to an end.

HOME SWEET HOME

You are probably wondering where you will be living and what your roommate will be like. These are only a few of the hundred and one things on your mind. Don't worry about bringing too many things for your room when you arrive. Once you are settled in your room, you can send home for those extras you need or buy them in town. Your room will be supplied with a desk and chair, bookcase, bureau, wall mirror, and bed, leaving a lot of potential for your decorative ingenuity. Most rooms also have a wall lock box. The above items don't add much to the room's decor and comfort, but here is where you and your roommate come through to make it distinctly "your" room. Here are a few suggestions to make your room a little more livable and cozier; its personality is left up to you.

1. Essentials: sheets (4, and contour sheets are very convenient), pillowcases and pillow, mattress pad (required), blankets, wash cloths and towels, 2 laundry bags.
2. The overhead lights are not very strong so you might want to bring a good desk lamp (Tensor, for example) and a pole lamp. Don't forget extension cords.
3. A typewriter, alarm clock, waste basket, and bulletin board are practical necessities. A clock radio, a record player, hairdryer or electric curlers may not be necessities, but they are nice to have handy.
4. Your curtains, bedspreads, and rug should be bought in Lynchburg since you won't know your room's measurements and you will want to collaborate on those items with your roommate.
5. Posters, prints, pictures, and other wall decorations as well as stuffed animals, flowers, and throw pillows will make your room more cheerful.
6. Don't forget little incidentals like skirt hangers, a sewing kit and scissors, shower cap, a soap dish, and a dictionary.

Smokers, where smoking is permitted, are central gathering places in each dorm for conversation, bull sessions, and bridge games. Most smokers include a small kitchenette, convenient for those after-hours popcorn cravings.

Studying usually predominates in the study areas of Glass and in Reid "Pit." The Emily Bowen Room is on the ground floor of Dew and of course, the libraries are replete with students, at least just before exams.

THE CLOSET STORY

Truthfully, SBC girls wear everything and almost anything. Your best bet is to bring the clothes you most enjoy wearing. We dress neatly, but casually. Most girls wear shifts, skirts, slacks, or jeans to classes. It is usually warm from September through October, so bring some transitional clothing along with your fall wardrobe. Later it gets fairly cold so be sure to include sweaters, slacks, socks, gloves, and anything else to keep you warm, especially a heavy winter coat and boots. It is a good idea to bring along a raincoat and umbrella. The same casual dress is good for dates although girls like to wear everything from bell-bottoms and a dressy blouse to a suit. For occasions such as college weekends, your choices are endless. Anything from a simple wool dress to a smart-looking pants suit to a dressy dress is acceptable for fraternity parties. Once you become acquainted with a fraternity or school, you will be able to determine what to wear to its parties.

While planning your wardrobe, it is a good idea to bring a lot of interchangeable outfits so that you can switch your clothes around and find your closet space workable. When spring arrives, you might want to have a bathing suit and sun reflector tucked away so you can take advantage of the eagerly awaited spring sunshine.

For campus concerts, lectures, and plays, you will need some basic wool dresses and low heels. If you are planning on riding, you will need riding boots, breeches, a riding coat and a hard hat.



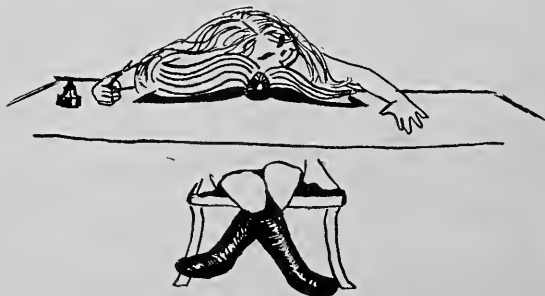
We have a college laundry. Nametapes must be sewn on everything you send. You are given an allowance of \$1.15 per week and most girls find that adequate. On both sides of campus, in Dew, Reid and in Carson, there are washing machines and dryers. For clothing that needs to be dry-cleaned there are campus representatives who will send it out for you. Seamstresses on campus do alterations and hemming if you need their services.

Two final items you might like to include are clothes bags and a hanging or floor shoe rack. Although they are not a necessity, they will help your wardrobe make it through the year. A sweater box for under your bed is another good space-saving idea.

THE GRIND

You will soon realize how different college work is compared to high school. Professors seldom give nightly assignments and classes do not meet daily, but usually on alternate days three times a week. Because you are left so much on your own to keep up with the work, it is easy to fall behind. Grades are based on fewer individual marks than in high school. Often there are just two mid-term exams and a final or a paper. You will soon become accustomed to long-term reading assignments, term papers, hourlies, and exams. Attitudes toward cutting classes vary with each professor and each course. You are expected to attend all classes and it is to your advantage to do so. The professors here are very understanding and willing to help their students. Don't hesitate to approach any member of the faculty for help or advice. It is an excellent opportunity to show him you are interested and concerned. Remember your work in college will be exactly what you make it.

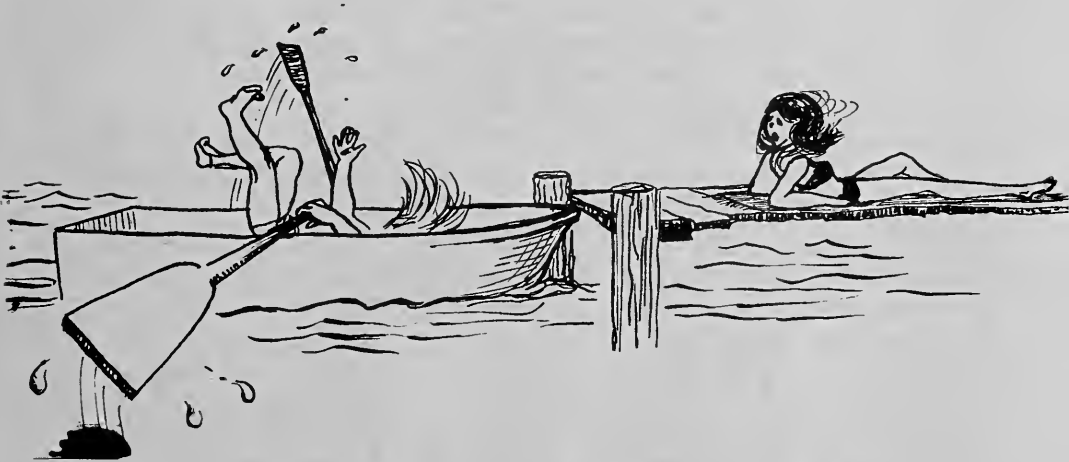
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WHERE THE ACTION IS

What are you going to do now that you've finished studying for the day? Instinctively, every SBC girl heads for the Post Office in Manson. But there are a few other spots which rival the P. O.'s title of "favorite place." The BOOK SHOP has an inviting air and a cozy fire in the fireplace in the winter months. It provides the staples for academic life and in addition, offers stationery, jewelry, many gift items for birthdays and special occasions. Film is sent out daily and is returned within five days. You may order any imaginable book or record at no extra cost. Student charge accounts may be opened in October. The favorite spot in the new WAILES COLLEGE CENTER is the Bistro, a snack bar offering beer and music. The College Center will welcome you with or without a date. There is also a dining room and several lounges and game rooms in which to relax and talk.

A 20-minute hike from campus is the OUTING CABIN—a retreat from studies, dorm life, and refectory food. The cabin has a large fireplace, and bunks for 8-10 girls plus a cabin leader. A taste of Thoreau on the Sweet Briar campus.

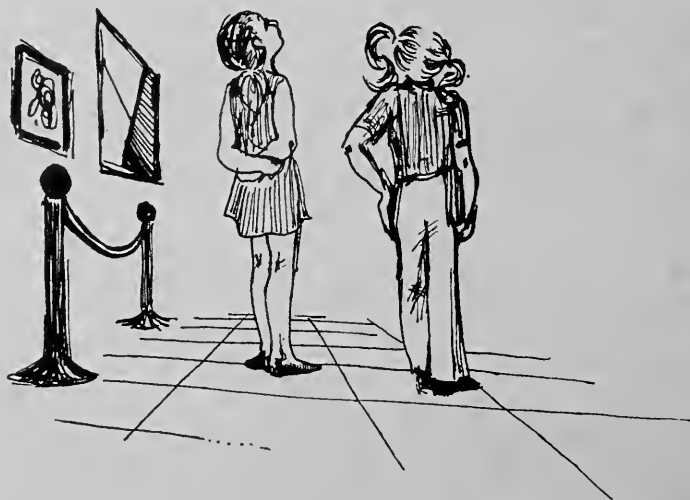


The BOAT HOUSE is a similar haven for picnics and parties. In early fall and spring, the deck of the Boat House is full of sun-worshippers. Outdoor fireplaces, row boats and canoes add to the facilities for a good time on campus. The Monument Hill PICNIC GROUNDS have several large grills and picnic tables in a lighted clearing. You and your date may drink 3.2 beer in this area.

The INFORMATION CENTER is located on the ground floor of Manson. There you may order taxis and meet your dates who are unfamiliar with the campus. If you have gone over on your laundry allowance, you must pay the extra here and may pick up your laundry. The Information Center is also where you sign in for keys on the Key System which will be explained to you during Orientation.



Throughout the year there are lectures, concerts, plays, and art exhibitions on campus. The Social Committee sponsors a series of Saturday night movies and there is a Sunday night foreign film series you might attend if you aren't too exhausted from your weekends! Every two years the entire community participates in a student-arranged symposium: TEMPO. Focused on a topic of special interest, the program features outstanding speakers and discussion sessions and may also include films, plays, or concerts.



FOR MORE THAN WINDOW SHOPPING

You can't live at SBC without confronting beautiful downtown Lynchburg at one time or another, whether it be to ease the hunger pangs which occur every time you sit down to study or to celebrate passing Biology by buying some new bell-bottoms. The trip to L'burg is an expedition of 35 minutes by bus to the center of town. There are also two shopping centers: Pittman and Boonsboro Plazas within easy access via another bus. For clothes, try Miller and Rhoads, Vogue, Wills-Camp, The Band Box, Smartwear-Irving-Saks, and the Heather Shop, and the Pappagallo Shop for shoes. We suggest Miller and Rhoads or Leggett's for your department store needs; Bowen's or Buckingham-Flippin for jewelry.



When your stomach cries out in hunger, you will be happy (or unhappy if you're trying to diet) to know that there are plenty of places to eat in the area. Close at hand and number one in our opinion is the Beef n' Pizza House, located on Rt. 29, about 15 minutes from the campus. Fantastic roast beef sandwiches and the world's best pizza are their specialties. Nearby is Lendy's, famous for fried chicken. Conveniently close is High's ice cream—the downfall of all Sweet Briar girls. If your check-book is healthy or if you're with your parents, The Columns, Howard Johnson's, and the dining room at the Ramada Inn will provide a delicious dinner. You may want to join the James River Club in Lynchburg or have your parents join to enjoy its fine dining facilities. Closer to school, in Amherst, the Gay Nineties and Tommy's (The Briar Patch Inn) are conveniently located and easy on the pocketbook. The village of Amherst, 3 miles from SBC, has drug stores, grocery stores, a ten-cent store, and repair shops. Here is where you'll catch the Trailways buses for Charlottesville and points north.



PETTY CASH

You will be amazed at the number and variety of the items that drain your college allowance. The Student Activities Fee is \$50 and is due on arrival. It includes all Student Government activities and supports the publications and other student enterprises. During the year, you will be asked to contribute to Campus Chest, Student Development, and for various dorm parties.

Text books each semester will ring up a sizable amount which must be paid for by cash or check and cannot be charged at the Book Shop. We suggest planning on \$50-\$70 for textbooks. Freshmen generally maintain the same courses through second semester, but when you begin to take only one semester courses, be prepared to budget book money for February as well as September. Second-hand books are available.

Incidental spending will include trips to the new COLLEGE CENTER for a grilled cheeseburger and trips into Lynchburg to go shopping (\$1.20 round trip). Don't overlook cash for dry cleaning, any repairs, \$3 for your post office box. Your most consistent expenses will be transportation and hostess fees on the weekends. It is a Southern tradition for women to pay for their accommodations on weekends and the rates in Charlottesville and Lexington are approximately \$3 to \$5 per night. Transportation by bus might be \$4 round trip. To save money on transportation, check the RIDE BOARD in Gray. Car-owners post notices of space for riders to various destinations. Riders usually split the expenses and pay for tolls on long trips and everybody is happy with the arrangement. All it takes is a phone call to the driver and you're all set.

If you are a member of the riding set, you will spend \$80 a season for 20 rides, \$120 for 30 rides, and \$150 for daily rides in each season.

The student bank handles student accounts and will cash out-of-town checks. We suggest starting with a monthly allowance of \$50 to cover expenses. Girls earn extra money by working in one of the student self-help jobs such as waitressing, assisting in the libraries and laboratories, or baby-sitting, to name only a few. They also type papers and do alterations for their fellow students.



EXODUS

Once you arrive at Sweet Briar, you are not stranded there for life. You will notice a strange change comes over the campus on Fridays. Most of your Friday classes, especially afternoon ones, seem smaller. Actually, SBC girls might end up any place, but the most familiar destinations are the men's colleges. Our favorites are: UVA in Charlottesville; W & L and VMI in Lexington; University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; Hampden-Sydney, near Farmville; as well as Princeton. Before you know it, you will be making "contacts" and the invitations will be coming. The big weekends are the ones to look for. They are the Fall (Openings and Homecomings), Winter and Spring weekends which usually include cocktail and fraternity parties and concerts.

Going somewhere in a SBC girl's car is by far the cheapest mode of transportation, but if you cannot find a ride, you can always take a bus.

The Trailways Bus stop is in Amherst, and we do have the Southern Railway, but their schedules are inconvenient and the trains rarely on time. Flying may be the answer to some of your problems. The Lynchburg airport is serviced by Piedmont Airlines. The trip to the airport is an expensive taxi fare and it is wise to share a taxi and split the price. So don't worry, if you need transportation you will find it somehow. Be sure to go over the Parental Permission slip with your parents carefully in regard to the sections on cars and planes, as these may restrict your means of transportation.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Whether your field of major interest is Biology or Fine Arts, there is a chance for each of you to enrich your life here at SBC by participating in group activity. Many of the clubs are open to all students; some, however, retain a small membership and new members are "tapped." Freshmen are restricted in the clubs and activities they may join in the first semester. Also certain academic ratings are required for participation in many activities.

PAINT AND PATCHES

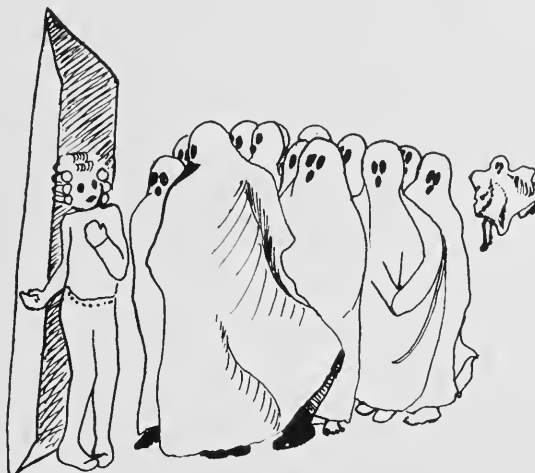
Are you an actress or interested in the mechanics of production? The drama club offers opportunities for both. Membership is attained only after accumulation of many hours of work in either area, accompanied by an enthusiastic interest in the Sweet Briar Theater.

PAINTS AND ASSES

The Asses' foremost purpose is to make the dignified Paint and Patches dramatists appear in a different light, so they stage take-offs of P & P productions. A sense of humor, a thorough non-sensical personality and the ability to concoct spur-of-the-moment presentations are prerequisites. Newly tapped members are Half-Asses until they prove themselves by presenting a show. A & A is one of the few clubs which has tapped faculty as members.

TAU PHI

Composed of Seniors and a few Juniors who have shown an outstanding combination of scholarship and constructive influence, Tau Phi recognizes those student leaders who still manage to make the Dean's List too. They aim to stimulate the more scholarly interests at SBC by sponsoring lectures and holding topical discussions.



CHUNG MUNGS

The Chung Mungs are a sheet-clad society of nine Seniors and four Juniors who delight in robbing the honorable Tau Phi's of some of their not-too-intact dignity. During the year they employ their energies in such pursuits as selling Tuesday night Goodies in the dorms to raise funds for worthy causes.

Q. V.

The members of Q. V., the sophomore honorary society, are elected by their classmates in the spring for the spirit and enthusiasm they displayed as freshmen. Their names are kept secret until spring Step Singing of their sophomore year. Their purpose is to combat sophomore slump and promote class spirit. There is an intense rivalry between the Q. V.'s and the Bum Chums who try their hardest to unveil the Q. V.'s identities.

BUM CHUMS

"The Notorious Ten" are chosen at the end of sophomore year, the night of spring Step-Singing. They involve themselves in various community activities, including the Bloodmobile visit, and are renowned for their "Holiday Inns"—shows given before Christmas and Spring vacations.

DANCE THEATRE

Membership is open to dancers who qualify on the basis of performance, technical ability, and interest. In the spring they present a much-anticipated recital with original dance compositions.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF RACIAL ATTITUDES (CURA)

Membership is open to all those interested in encouraging understanding between races through education and action. Various projects such as lectures and book discussions are undertaken by CURA to expose and educate the community to conditions at Sweet Briar and in the country.

SWEET TONES

The Sweet Tones are a small group who sing popular music. Chosen from all classes at try-outs, the group performs at various social events. The morning of Christmas vacation, the Sweet Tones become early risers and sing Christmas carols through each dorm just as it's time to get up. You can't help but wake up full of the Christmas spirit.



Leading off the numerous activities which anyone may participate in is the ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. Every student automatically becomes a member. In the fall, hockey, tennis, and lacrosse are the team sports. Those who enjoy hiking may join the OUTING CLUB which also sponsors ski trips. In the winter, basketball and modern dance as well as gymnastics come into prominence. Intra-mural activities take place throughout the year. Horseback riding is, of course, very popular. Riding events include several horse shows, point-to-point meets and annual riding clinics. Riding

is a year-round activity and our facilities are excellent including an indoor riding ring in the new Riding Center. In the spring, tennis, lacrosse, golf, boating, canoeing, and swimming are resumed. Sweet Briar's varsity athletic teams play nearby colleges in hockey, tennis, lacrosse, and basketball.



CHALLENGE

This is an organization of volunteers working in conjunction with the Amherst County Welfare Department to tackle community problems in a constructive way. Activities vary from tutoring children to helping needy families and the aged.

PUBLICATIONS

A weekly paper, THE SWEET BRIAR NEWS, welcomes those who like to write or take pictures, as does the BRIAR PATCH, the college yearbook. The literary magazine, THE BRAMBLER, will give you a chance to display your literary or artistic talents in the form of essays, short stories, poems, and drawings.

When you arrive at Sweet Briar you will find other organizations whose functions are more universally known. Membership is open for the YOUNG REPUBLICANS, YOUNG DEMOCRATS, MATH CLUB, YWCA, and the WORLD AFFAIRS CLUB. The CENTER of ITALIAN CULTURE welcomes all students interested in the culture, language and history of Italy. CHOIR members are chosen by audition. Representatives on CAMPUS CHEST (organized for the annual fund drive) and the STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, an adjunct of the college Development program, are generally appointed; CURRICULUM COMMITTEE and VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE COMMITTEE members are elected by each class.



SOUNDS OF SWEET BRIAR

Walking around campus the first few weeks you may hear words that don't sound like English . . . or French . . . They are the Sounds of Sweet Briar.

ALL NIGHTER — those dreaded days when work compels you to stay up, and up, and up . . .

BOONDOCKING — a favorite pastime of Virginia gentlemen on dates, consisting of evening-time picnics in the late spring.

BLUE BOOKS — familiar blue bound books used for final exams.

CALENDAR DAYS — the two days before and after vacations when class attendance is required.

CHAUTAUQUA — the Friday afternoon gatherings of students and faculty for coffee and cookies, sponsored each week by a different organization on campus.

CHUNG MUNG GOODIES — those indescribably delicious brownies, cookies, and donuts which the Chung Mungs tempt us with every Tuesday night.

COMMONS — the large room on the ground floor of Grammer set up as a study hall and general meeting area.

- CLOSING HOUR** — the time at which all the dorms are locked and at which you must come in from dates, until you are given the key privilege.
- FACEBOOK** — the publication put out with all those horrendous freshmen pictures, a prized possession of all fraternities.
- HOURLY** — an hour-long test, pre-announced.
- KEY PRIVILEGE** — permission to use dorm keys to let yourself in after closing hour. Freshmen are eligible after their first semester.
- MOTHER MACKIE'S** — near Reid Pit, this vendeteria is replete with vending machines of all kinds.
- PINK** — the pink slip on which you sign out for overnights.
- PINKIES** — the Pinkerton men, Sweet Briar's bodyguards, not to be confused with "pinks."
- REID PIT** — the large study hall in the basement of Reid dormitory.
- RESERVE ROOM** — the room on the second floor of the library where teachers place books on "reserve" which can't be checked out.
- RING GAME** — a Senior tradition played near the Senior stairs whereby a Senior announces her engagement.
- SENIOR STAIRS** — the central stairs leading into the Refectory. Underclassmen dare not tread upon these Golden Stairs, the private domain of the illustrious Seniors.
- SIGNING OUT** — the process of filling out a pink slip in the Dean of Students office for an overnight absence.
- STU G.** — Student Government Association, which meets the first Wednesday of every month.
- WARNINGS** — Shortly after the middle of each term, warning notices are sent to you and your parents if you have an average of C-minus or less in a course after the first six weeks. Many times warnings are based only on the first six-weeks test. It usually takes this much time to become adjusted to college work so don't think that your warning is the start of a pattern for your future work. If you receive a warning, don't panic. Go and talk to your professor.

